

Procurement Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee
on
Foreign Language Publications

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I. Responsibilities

The Procurement Subcommittee was established by the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications under the provisions of NSCID-16, 7 March 1953. The specific responsibility of the Procurement Subcommittee is to insure, for the Director of Central Intelligence, the "coordination of the procurement of foreign language publications, it being understood that captured documents are excepted from this provision". (NSCID-16, par. 1). Furthermore, "such coordination shall not prejudice the maintenance of facilities necessary to meet departmental demands". (NSCID-16, par. 3).

II. Objectives and Accomplishments for 1956

- a. To determine the advisability of reporting by each member agency concerning the scope and product of its foreign publications procurement program.

There was disagreement on the vehicle and schedule for reporting by member agencies to the Subcommittee concerning the scope and product of their programs for procurement of foreign publications. It was agreed to continue efforts by the Subcommittee to resolve this problem.

- b. To continue efforts to coordinate requirements in Washington and collection in the field.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Subcommittee made a survey trip during the period 4 September - 26 November 1956, visiting all full-time Publications Procurement Officers, excepting Moscow, and many part-time PPOs. A separate account of this trip has been provided to all interested parties.

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~~To study the possibility of a single fund concept for 1) serial subscriptions and 2) books and monographs at Embassy Moscow for all member agencies under the IAD program. It was the intent in the Third Annual Report and is the intent now in this Report that the single fund concept include only the following agencies: CIA, State, AMS, National Medical Library, Department of Agriculture, NSA, and not to include the Department of Defense.~~

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developing the single fund concept, and sought the reactions of agencies and departments in the program. Having received general concurrence from them in the soundness of the idea, he brought the matter to the attention of Mr. Charles Manning, Director, Executive Staff of R, State. Mr. Manning is currently engaged in determining the legal and fiscal points involved, and hopes to have the concept in force by FY58.

d. To determine the role of exchange programs in publications procurement

Exchanges present opportunities to acquire foreign publications not available through any other channel. The Subcommittee considered some aspects of the exchange program during the year. Individual agency exchange programs were continued and in many cases expanded.

III. Objectives for 1957

- a. To assure coordination of requirements and cooperation among collectors.
- b. To have monthly meetings of the Procurement Subcommittee.
- c. To establish a means and schedule for reporting by members concerning the scope and product of their procurement programs, including exchanges.

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